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## MS PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for filing a ☒ continuation ☐ divisional ☐ continuation-in-part application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior Application No. 10/290,542 filed on November 8, 2002, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference,  
by

Douglas A. NEWBERG

for

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1. ☒ Enclosed is an application consisting of specification, claims, declaration and drawings/photographs (if applicable).
2. ☒ The filing fee has been calculated as follows:

	BASIC FEE		LARGE ENTITY	SMALL ENTITY
	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE      FEE	RATE      FEE
<b>TOTAL CLAIMS</b>	11-20 =	0	x 18 = \$0.00	x 9 = \$0.00
<b>INDEPENDENT CLAIMS</b>	3-3 =	0	x 84 = \$0.00	x 42 = \$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED</b>			+ \$280.00	+ \$140.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			\$0.00	\$375.00

3. ☒ A check in the amount of \$375.00 to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.
4. ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.
5. ☒ Enclosed is/are ten (10) sheet(s) of formal drawings and/or photographs.
- 6a. ☐ A statement claiming small entity status was filed in prior Application No. 10/290,542 on \_\_\_\_\_. See the attached copy of the statement claiming small entity status.
- 6b. ☒ The current application qualifies for small entity status.
7. ☒ The prior application is assigned to NL Technologies, Ltd.
8. ☐ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- 9a. ☐ Priority of Application No(s). \_\_\_\_\_ filed in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in the prior application on \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9b. ☐ Priority of International Appln. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_ under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and \_\_\_\_\_ Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ under 35 U.S.C. § 120 and/or § 119 are hereby reclaimed.

10. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.
11. ☒ Address all future communications to:  
  
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12. ☐ An extension of time for \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) month(s) until \_\_\_\_\_ has been submitted in parent Application No. 10/290,542 in order to establish co-pendency with the present application.
13. ☐ Also enclosed herewith is the following:

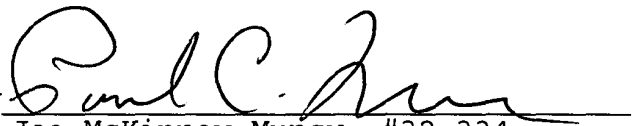
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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